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Shufeldt and I differ radically on a question of fact, namely whether the upper cervical apertum occurs in the swifts. I am certain that that it does, in spite of Nitzsch's antiquated and inaccurate figure of the pterylosis of *Cypselus apus*, upon which Dr. Shufeldt lays so much stress. As for the differences between Nitzsch's and Lucas' figures of the hummingbird pterylosis, I think Dr. Shufeldt is most decidedly straining at a gnat! I see no essential differences between the two figures. If there is a "picarian bee" in my "thinking-cap" as Dr. Shufeldt suggests, it is unknown to me for I never believed in the "Picariæ" at all, but I am sure that as far as the pterylosis is concerned hummingbirds are emphatically cypseloid, Dr. Shufeldt to the contrary notwithstanding. Very truly yours,

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